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Will Gov. restore funding to schools?

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

TRENTON — Education advocates have left guessing how Gov. Christine Whitman will handle a popular measure to restore \$14 million in additional school aid to the former "special needs" school systems of Plainfield and Neptune.

The Assembly gave the bill final legislative approval in a 71-5 vote on March 29, reversing Whitman's decision in 1996 to take away the designation, which comes with money for educational reforms including full-day kindergarten, preschool, additional teachers and new computer equipment.

The vote leaves the students' fate up to Gov. Christine Whitman, who has staunchly opposed enhanced funding for special needs districts. She must decide by May 13 whether to sign it into law.

But she has not publicly taken a position on it, said spokesperson Wendi Patella. "We won't know until she see URBAN SCHOOL FUNDING page 10

Newark and Nets team up for city kids

By Jean H. Pierce
Staff Writer

NEWARK — One of the many joys of childhood is getting a group of friends together for a game of baseball. Sometimes these games and many others could lead into higher goals professionally and socially in society. But there are those who don't have access to a baseball, catchers mitt, or uniform due to economical restraints in their environment. The City of Newark and the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services are giving that opportunity to area kids with the launch of "Kids Stuff."

The city held a press conference at City Hall March 31st to discuss the comprehensive program designed to promote sharing, creativity and provide "stuff" like basketballs and baseball bats to Newark's kids.

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with a basketball playing by myself because my high school coach cared enough to give me a ball," said the Hall of Fame. "This led to bigger and better things in my career and now this program will go on to help young people prosper and contribute in some way to the community."

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More than 37 corporations join Expo 2000

NEWARK — In addition to the Dow breaking 10,000, contractors at an all-time high, and NJ unemployment being the lowest it has ever been, more than 37 corporations and businesses are coming together for Business and Job Expo 2000 to be held at the Newark Airport Marriott on Monday, April 12, 1999. Expo 2000 was created to allow small businesses and urban dwellers to participate in New Jersey's economic boom.

Starting at 8 a.m. with registration, small business owners

mayors who have created a climate that fosters the development and growth of competitive inner city business. Mayors receiving the award are: Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollweaver, Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill and Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer.

Throughout the day, small businesses will have access to corporations sharing information on the products and services they purchase from companies such as those attending.

On the Job Expo side, everyone who needs a job or looking to change jobs is invited to bring their resumes and meet companies and employment services who are looking to hire. From 8:30 to 3:00 approximately 21 companies and employment services will be on hand to discuss job opportunities.

What better way to start off the week and go into the new century than to attend the Business and Job Expo 2000 sponsored by Horizon Mercy, Schering-Plough, Bell Atlantic, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Office of Job and Business Opportunity, Dun & Bradstreet, PSEG, Chase Manhattan Bank, Newark Airport Marriott, Saint Barnabas Health Care System, A.T.&T., OGDEN Aviation, United Water New Jersey, BAA Newark, Inc., NJ Transit, G.P.U., UPS, NJ Economic Development Authority, Hertz, Host Marriott Services, Greater Newark Business Development Consortium and WBLS-FM 107.5.

Small Businesses must pre-register by filling out a registration form available by calling (908) 754-2400. The deadline for registration is April 7.

"Expo 2000 was created to allow small businesses and urban dwellers to participate in New Jersey's economic boom."

will have the opportunity to hear from leading corporate and community experts about the trends for the New Jersey urban markets, and attend workshops on finding capital, marketing your business, the latest technology for business use and the millions in new construction at the Newark airport.

All small business owners attending the luncheon will participate in the first "Competitive Inner City Awards." An event created by the Minority Business Journal and hosted by Horizon Mercy, Schering-Plough, Dun & Bradstreet, and The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Office of Business and Job Opportunity, awards will be given to five

NAACP Spingarn Medal honors Earl Graves, Sr.

BALTIMORE, Md. — The recipient of the 84th Spingarn Medal is Earl G. Graves, Sr., Chairman and CEO of Black Enterprise Magazine.

The NAACP Board of Directors Chairman Julian Bond said, "The Spingarn Award Committee unanimously elected Graves as someone whose life personifies the NAACP's highest honor."

Graves said, "This honor is the pinnacle of a lifetime of work towards the struggle. I only wish my parents were here to bear witness to such an achievement. They would have been proud as proud as I am to join the distinguished group of Spingarn recipients."

The late J.E. Spingarn, former NAACP Chairman, instituted the medal in 1914. It was designed to call attention to the American people to the existence of merit and achievement among Americans of African descent and to serve as a stimulus to young people.

To date, 83 Spingarn medals have been awarded. Recent Medalists include: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Percy E. Sutton, Bill Cosby, the late Mayor Tom Bradley, Lena Horne, General Colin Powell, Barbara Jordan, Maya Angelou, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Carl Rowan and former NAACP Chair Myrlie Evers Williams.

Black Enterprise targets upscale black executives, entrepreneurs, and policy makers. Graves' latest endeavor is a private equity fund investing in black-owned companies.

Hit-and-run killer is sought

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Police Division is requesting information regarding a hit and run accident which occurred in the 1000 block of Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield on the morning of April 2.

Police received a call around 6:00 a.m. on a report of a body in the roadway. Responding officers found Kristy L. Wilson, 21 years of age, approximately 90 to 110 pounds, 5'6" to 5'9" tall, with curly brown hair, green eyes, wearing a tan pullover shirt, brown corduroy pants, white socks and white sneakers, silver jewelry and a tattoo around her navel. The victims last known address was 27 Summit Avenue, North Plainfield.

The suspect vehicle appears to have been traveling eastbound on Myrtle Avenue when it struck the victim. It should have damage in the front of the vehicle.

Anyone with information, should contact Traffic Officers William Borom at 908-753-3044 or Kevin Egbert at 908-753-3033.



Newark kids earn money through scholastic achievement, good attendance and involvement in community service. Sports equipment, musical instruments, and mentoring experiences are among the benefits of "Kids Stuff."

Newark physicians target childhood diseases

By Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Hepatitis A, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and chickenpox are several viruses that your child may suffer from if they do not receive an immunization shot. Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund came to Newark on March 30, to discuss the severity of this national issue with physicians, health practitioners and parents.

After waiting over several years, New Jersey is the last of fifty states to come on board of the national Vaccines for Children Program. It was created in October 1, 1994 to help increase childhood immunization

levels by providing vaccines to certain eligible children. If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, NJ KidCare does not have any health insurance or is of American Indian or Alaskan Native ethnicity then he/she is eligible to receive shots at little or no cost.

Newark has been designated as a "pocket of need" district by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 1992, a retrospective survey of first graders revealed only 25 percent of the children were fully immunized by age two. In 1997, the rate was 63 percent and most recently 72 percent.

Dean Mason, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was one of the workshop leaders in the day long conference. He discussed the origin and neces-

sity of New Jersey's involvement in tending to underserved children's healthcare needs. "We never want to turn a kid away from vaccinations," stated Mason. "We want children who are poor to have the same access to vaccines as children who are well off." He stated over 76 percent of the vaccinations provided to children last year were given by the national program.

Receiving a standing ovation, Marianne Wright Edelman charged the participants to qualify every child into health care programs so they don't have to suffer from symptoms such as fevers, rashes, ear infections, heart disease, brain damage and ultimately death. "The Lord did not tell us to give a healthy start to every other child," exclaimed Edelman. She emphasized

overcoming political and social barriers and allotting public policy to reflect what every person would want for their very own child. The New Jersey CHIP program may take precedence as the country's leading program if they incorporate an additional plan allowing for a 350 percent federal poverty level; this enables more children to be eligible for health care. Several challenges Edelman presented the medical and political community with were eliminating a six-month waiting period for insurance, simplifying the application form to two pages, keeping a work friendly environment, decreasing bureaucratic barriers, and developing creative ways to reach parents and children.

The leading child care advocate stated

there are nearly 30 million uninsured Americans. The longer it takes to enroll, these thousands of children are most likely the longer they will risk exposure to various diseases. The lack of insurance is not the only reason for poor child health; violence, poor nutrition, racial, ethnic and social disparity are also leading factors cited by Edelman.

Edelman was saddened that the United States, one of the richest and most technologically advanced countries in the world has so many children unprotected from deadly health viruses. She charged the audience to do their part in helping the families in Newark protect their children and ended the day's conference with a powerful prayer.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Center 9:30 a.m. (732) 937-7519.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey University (NJCU) will hold a lecture on safe sex at the Formal Lounge located on the campus of NJCU beginning at 12 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

NEW YORK — The Rosen Group presents The 1999 New York International Auto Show will take place at the Jacob Javits Center beginning at 11 a.m. (212) 677-3070.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center presents Patti LaBelle and Gerald Levert in concert beginning at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on discrimination in the workplace at New Jersey Law Center beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 537-7518.

MAHWAH — Ramapo College will hold a dinner and lecture on the recent studies on cancer at the Tufts University School of Medicine on the campus of Ramapo College beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 884-7692.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a discussion on charter schools at the Grossnickel Auditorium beginning at 5 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

CLARK — The Clark Public Library will hold a poetry session beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 388-5999.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

PRINCETON — The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention presents the 1999 Child Assault Prevention CAP Awards, honoring individuals who help in the daily battle on child abuse. It will take place at the Marriott Forestal Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. (800) 582-7000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

EDISON — Middlesex County College will hold a spring open house beginning at 9:30 p.m. (732) 505-2555.

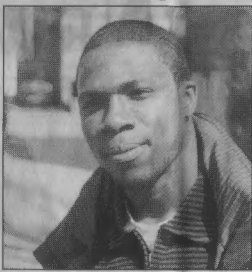
MONDAY, APRIL 12

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) presents a lecture on W.E.B. Dubois with guest speaker Dr. James Turner at Hobcarm Hall beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 200-3524.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will hold a mock trial conference for elementary school teachers at the New Jersey Law

NJ Nets score points with scholarship winner



Bloomfield College freshman Kevin Mitchell of Newark recently received a \$4,000 scholarship paid over four years from the New Jersey Nets Foundation through the Community Youth Organization. Bloomfield will match this scholarship and will provide a mentor to Mitchell as part of the program. Mitchell, an accounting major holds a 3.2 GPA.

The shining light of inspiration at Runnells Specialized Hospital



Union County Freeholders Mary Ruotolo and Chester Holmes honor Runnells Hospital resident, Maeda Alexander (center) for being an inspiration over the last 30 years. Alexander became a resident in 1969, after being in a coma for nine days, one that her physicians thought she wouldn't recover from. "I'm not the type to accept defeat," stated Alexander. "I made up my mind that I would get better."

Union Catholic High School had a few tricks up their sleeves



During Spirit Week at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, a program featuring Phillip Jennings, magician and illusionist was presented to the Freshmen and Sophomore classes. Shown above from left are Constance Davis, Claudia Arango, Kathy Karasiewicz, Phillip Jennings, Crystal Hopkins his assistant and a UC Graduate, Dave Luciano and Deena Watts. The students are members of the UC Student Council.

Toe to toe with ranked heavyweight



Former heavyweight top-ranked contender Gerry Cooney visited the Black United Fund Boxing Club to meet and spar a few rounds with organizers of the 1999 NJ Golden Gloves Tournament. Sandra Clark, Pres. and CEO of BUF was ready and waiting.



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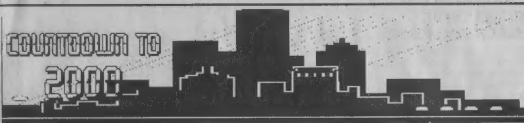
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Pre-registration is required.

Job Expo 2000 gives urban residents an opportunity to learn about available job opportunities, possible careers, employment trends and knowledge of available technology training. If you took the buyout package, were downsized, right-sized, out-sized or just looking for new possibilities, then you want to attend Job Expo 2000.

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Nation Briefs

NATION OF ISLAM LEADER REMAINS HOSPITALIZED

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan continued to receive treatment at Howard University Hospital, but neither Nation of Islam officials nor the hospital would say much about his condition.

Farrakhan, who was treated for prostate cancer several years ago, has been ill since early January with an undiagnosed condition, according to a Final Call article last month.

Farrakhan, 65, was admitted on March 30. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said Farrakhan underwent prostate surgery the following day.

"Fortunately because he has kept up with it and maintained the discipline he's been able to more or less control it," Jackson said. "We can only pray and hope for the best results."

LOUIMA JURY CANDIDATES QUESTIONED ON COP CONDUCT

NEW YORK (AP) — Potential jurors in the Abner Louima brutality case have given written answers to questions about race, police conduct and civil unrest — the first phase of an extensive selection process.

A 47-page questionnaire is being used to screen the jury pool in the highly publicized, racially charged case as it nears trial in Brooklyn federal court. Officers Justin Volpe, Charles Schwarz, Thomas Bruder and Thomas Wiese are accused of beating Louima, a black Haitian immigrant, while transporting him to the 70th Precinct station in Brooklyn on Aug. 9, 1997. Authorities also allege that Schwarz held down a handcuffed Louima while Volpe, believing Louima had punched him, rammed a stick into his rectum.

Defense lawyers have argued that their clients cannot get a fair trial in the city because of intense media coverage and community outrage in both the Louima and Diallo cases.

FIRST UNION INVESTS \$5 MILLION INTO BLACK BUSINESSES

CHARLOTTE (AP) — First Union is putting \$5 million into a fund that invests in minority-owned businesses, joining a partnership of major corporations started by Earl Graves, the founder of Black Enterprise magazine.

The fund, titled Black Enterprise/Greenwich Street Corporate Growth Partners, recently received \$86 million in commitments from other companies such as J.P. Morgan, Citigroup, IBM, Bell Atlantic and DaimlerChrysler. His magazine, which now has a circulation of 300,000, was started with a \$150,000 loan backed by the Small Business Administration.

African-American runs for president in 2000

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Angel Chavez-Rocker has been compelled to take action due to the support and encouragement of a large group of African American ministers and laymen. This group believes that it is time for African Americans, with moderate ideology, to enter the Republican Party's diverse "Big Tent." To this end she has agreed to the establishment of a Presidential Exploratory Committee name-



Friends of Angel Chavez-Rocker, Presidential Committee, to Angel Chavez-Rocker support for such an unprecedented campaign.

last month, Mrs. Chavez-Rocker joined by 200-300 African American ministers and their wives will announce the establishment of her Presidential Exploratory Committee.

Angel Chavez-Rocker will devote her campaign to articulating issues that concern the African American community and recruiting them to the Republican Party. She will offer to these disaffected voters a choice with which they can

relate in the Republican Party, breaking the Democratic Party's monopoly of influence over African American voters. For too long the issues concerning African Americans have gone unheeded, those of education and health care among others. As a former guidance counselor with 15 years of experience in our public schools, Mrs. Chavez-Rocker proposes a platform of school choice in order to give

the very best education to all African American children. She also believes that affordable health care for all Americans, regardless of cultural background, can be realized through the adoption of Medical Savings Accounts.

State Representative Billy McKinney (D-GA), father to US Rep Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), who made headlines for winning a lawsuit against the KKK, feels its about time. "It's

time for African Americans to engage in the two party system, and Angel is the perfect candidate to lead the African American community into the Republican Party," said McKinney.

Angel Joy Chavez-Rocker will be that "breath of fresh air" in the 2000 Presidential election...a campaign that will reach out to all Americans and invite them to join her in the diverse "Big Tent" of Republicans.

Bronx D.A. unseals murder indictments in Diallo shooting

By Donna De La Cruz

NEW YORK (AP) — The four white police officers who killed Amadou Diallo, an unarmed black man, in a fusillade of 41 bullets surrendered to face charges, a source told The Associated Press.

A law enforcement source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told the AP that all four turned themselves in for fingerprinting and warrant checks. Police spokesman Timothy Brown said he had no information.

The indictments were unsealed in state Supreme Courts in the Bronx on March 31.

The grand jury has charged the four officers — Kenneth Bock, Sean Carroll, Edward McMillen and Richard Murphy — on a three count indictment with intentional and reckless murder in the Feb. 4 shooting. Marvyn Kornberg, attorney for Carroll, said outside the courthouse that his client had been indicted on two counts of second-degree murder.

If convicted the defendants face imprisonment for a maximum term of life. If convicted of reckless endangerment, they face imprisonment for a maximum of seven years.

Diallo's father, Saikou, arrived at Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson's office, accompanied by family attorney Johnnie Cochran. Diallo's mother, Kadiadou, arrived separately with the Rev. Al Sharpton.

While several hundred demonstrators gathered outside the courthouse, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Police Commissioner Howard Safir attended an emotional tribute to a cop killed in the line of duty in 1996.

Safir called Diallo's death a tragedy but urged critics of the NYPD to "acknowledge the tragedies that befall our family."

"We grieve for Amadou Diallo and the four officers involved and pray they get a fair trial," Safir said. Giuliani also defended the beleaguered police department saying, "We have to show more respect to them."

Diallo, a street vendor from Guinea, was gunned down shortly after midnight in his vestibule. A lawyer for the cops — who did not testify before the grand jury — has said the officers, who were canvassing the neighborhood for a rape suspect, believed Diallo may have been reaching for a weapon. He was hit by 19 of the 41 shots.

Rallies, led by Sharpton, have been held daily outside the courthouse since Feb. 16 — the day the Diallo grand jury was convened. Larger daily demonstrations held from March 9 until Monday in front of Police Headquarters resulted in 1,700 arrests.

After today, organizers said, the demonstrations will move to Brooklyn for the trial of four other officers accused of torturing Haitian immigrant Abner Louima in 1997.

Hillary teams up with child advocate for library opening



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton cuts the ceremonial ribbon opening the new Langston Hughes Library at the Children's Defense Fund's Black Community Crusade for Children's (CDF's/BCCC's) Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tenn., on March 19. The unique library design, by Vietnam Memorial designer Maya Lin, uses an existing historic Southern cantilevered barn for its inspiration and dimensions. Pictured with Mrs. Clinton (from left) Clinton Mayor Frank L. Digs, CDF president Marian Wright Edelman, library benefactor and Barnes & Noble Books CEO Leonard Riggio and Ms. Lin.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a course on LAN using Microsoft Office Pro Suite beginning at 6 p.m. (908) 709-7503.

NEW YORK — The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Regional Alliance for Small Contractors will hold a workshop on the internet and the construction industry at the WTC (World Trade Center) Business Resource Center beginning at 9 a.m. (212) 433-6502.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

WILDWOOD — The U.S. Small Business Administration and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center will hold a seminar on all aspects of small business. Call (973) 643-2434 on time and location.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

CRANFORD — Union County College will offer a course on the Y2K problem beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 709-7503.

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a workshop on financing for college at the NJCU Women's Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. (201) 200-3425.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

NEWARK — The Minority Business Journal will hold a Business & Job Expo 2000. Summit at the Newark Airport Marriott beginning at 9 a.m. Admission is free. (908) 754-3400.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

JERSEY CITY — The Regional Business Partnership presents a business cruise networking party on the Liberty Landing at Liberty State Park beginning at 4:30 p.m. (973) 522-0099.

GREAT NECK — Womenspace, Inc. presents a luncheon of independent business women at St. Paul's Place beginning at 12 p.m. (516) 829-8588.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

MONTCLAIR — Montclair State University will hold a business symposium on the economy in the new millennium at the Student Center beginning at 3:30 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation will offer an introduction course in Electronic Mail beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 527-1166.

Opening doors to home ownership

NEWARK — The Urban Leagues of Bergen, Union, Hudson, Morris and Essex have formed a unique partnership with The Chase Manhattan Bank to increase home ownership in the state of New Jersey. The campaign "Opening Doors to Home Ownership" will benefit Northern New Jersey consumers seeking affordable mortgages, particularly within minority communities. The Urban Leagues and Chase will host three interactive workshops during April and May 1999 designed to explain credit counseling, budgeting and the mortgage process. The first workshop will be held on April 8th at the First Baptist Church in Englewood, New Jersey.

According to Ella S. Teal, President of the New Jersey State Council of Urban Leagues, "The partnership between The Chase Manhattan Bank and the Urban Leagues of Northern New Jersey demonstrates our commitment to building home ownership which fosters economic development in the communities we serve."

A wide variety of affordable mortgage products developed to meet the needs of the consumer will be provided by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as well as, closing cost assistance to those who qualify. "At Chase we strongly believe in partnerships with communities," says Wesley Wainwright, Senior Vice President, Chase Manhattan Bank Residential Lending. "We've realized long ago that if we work together we accomplish more."

The Opening Doors campaign first began in California where hundreds of first time home-owners acquired their dream homes through working with local Urban Leagues and the Chase Manhattan Bank. Last year the campaign assisted hundreds of New York City consumers in moving themselves toward financial stability through home ownership.

We invite you to join us at one of our three seminars. To reserve a place at one of the limited seating workshops or learn more about "Opening Doors To Home Ownership" program call 1-800-636-6395.



How you can hit the Y2K jackpot!

By James Hart

"If you can keep your head, when all about you are losing theirs, then the earth shall be yours, and the futures thereof."

The whole art of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led) by incessant and with an endless series of hoochisms, all of them imaginary. — H.L. Mencken

Regarding Y2K: Should you be afraid? Absolutely. As "social engineers" use the millennium bug to induce artificial disorganization of behavior (aimed at creating psychological conflict and mass social chaos), the Y2K panic has grown to an estimated \$3.1 trillion.

Waterfalls of money have begun to change hands. High-tech companies with extraordinary problem-solving and pest control skills, no doubt, will eventually exterminate most of the Y2K bugs and earn millions for their investors. After that, legions of large and small investors are going to cash in their investment tickets, plant a kiss on the lips of lady luck and split the incredible Y2K jackpot. Instant thousands, millionaires, and billionaires alike, will find themselves solo dancing in the lap of luxury.

But, why should "they" have all the fun? Let me slip you three clues on how to find some Y2K treasure.

"A huge problem and expense associated with main-frame computers is data storage. Imagine how much storage space major Internet stocks and servers like AOL require, not to mention power players such as Charles Schwab or Amazon.com. Furthermore, many companies urgently need a vast ocean floor of money space. Hence, replacement of memory machines is critical to becoming Y2K "compliant." Consider investing in highly competitive, first-rate companies

who manufacture memory storage products. Attorneys say the Y2K debacle will cost over \$1 trillion in litigation. Consequently, many companies will crumble faster than the Arab-Israeli peace talks. In fact, one company is probably more responsible for the Y2K fiasco than any other firm in the world. My point? Where there are liabilities and mistakes, you'll find lawyers and litigation. More importantly, look for publicly-traded companies vulnerable to litigation, and consider short selling their stock.

"The Y2K bug will make some public companies important, obsolete, and uncompetitive overnight. Others will disappear as quickly as Haley's comet. Throughout the confusion, common and chaos more stock prices may collapse. Again, consider short selling these stocks. You can short sell a stock for only a couple hundred dollars! What's more, short sell the right stocks, and you could soon find thousands of dollars, or six or seven figures bulging in your bank accounts."

Legendary bankers like Baron M. Rothchild, and brilliant financiers like Bernard Baruch (advisor to six presidents) made fortunes short selling financial markets. There is no easier way to capitalize on the equities market than to short sell stocks under fire. Sadly, not one in one hundred thousand people (stockbrokers included) know how, or ever use this awesome investment tactic. So, please, seek "knowledgeable" economic counsel when considering this method. (Note: Short selling is flow-riders and investors' ethical exploit and profit from falling prices in the stock, commodity, and financial markets.)

You may call E.G.I.T. Beatz at (212) 427-0020, and find out how to get free blackboard information on five-to-seven high-tech companies. As a future hunter you must slip underneath the radar, follow the smart money's decision your mouth watering slice of \$2.53.1 trillion (and growing), Y2K jackpot.

Financial planning and physical health

Dale Caldwell



Maintaining your physical health is one of the most important things that you can do to enhance your financial health. The cost of medical care has skyrocketed (even if you have a good health insurance plan). Therefore, doing anything that you can to minimize your chance of illness is good for your financial health. I have been fortunate to have maintained good health through competitive and recreational sports. I have been a ranked tennis player, triathlete, and duathlete. In addition, I have completed three marathons and three 500 mile charity bike rides. In this column I will share some things that I have learned about maximizing the health of your blood. Next week I will share some ideas about exercise and nutrition. Hopefully these two columns will help you stay in shape and minimize your health care expenses.

I have found two health books that are especially insightful. The first is "Eat To Win" by Dr. Robert Haas and the second is "Entering the Zone" by Barry Sears, PhD. In my experience these books are the best at describing how exercise and what we eat affects the health of our bodies and blood.

Obviously everyone's body is different. I recommend that you consult your physician before following any nutrition or exercise program.

Blood Health

How do people determine if they are in good shape? I believe that the medical community has not come up with an adequate answer to this basic question. They claim that you are in good shape if you are not sick. In academic terms your health is treated like a pass/fail course. How seriously did people take pass/fail courses in college? Not that seriously. I think that this is one of the major reasons why people don't take their health seriously. It would probably make more sense if people received a health grade of excellent, good or poor.

The two authors that I referenced earlier suggest that one of the best ways to determine your health is by examining your blood. Blood is the fuel for your body therefore everyone should ask their physician for a "Blood Chemistry Profile." It will probably take less than 10 minutes of your time, however it will put you on the road to great health. You should not eat or drink anything for 12 hours before the Blood Chemistry Profile. This test is one of the most powerful screening tests for diet related illnesses such as diabetes, gout, liver disease, kidney and heart problems. Ideally you should have a Blood Chemistry Profile at least once a year.

What should you ask the physician to measure? There are several key components that make up blood that are critical in determining whether or not you are in shape. However, according to these two books, seven of them will be useful in determining whether you have an excellent, good or poor blood chemistry profile. It may be helpful to follow the table below.

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- Total Cholesterol = 150 or less
- High-density Lipoprotein (HDL) Cholesterol = 65 or more
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- Glucose (blood sugar) = 85 or less
- Uric Acid = 5 or less
- Insulin = 10 or less
- Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) = 5% or more

Good Shape Blood Chemistry Profile

- Total Cholesterol = 170 to 190
- High-density Lipoprotein (HDL) Cholesterol = 45 or more
- Triglycerides (blood fats) = 125 to 150
- Glucose (blood sugar) = 85 to 95
- Uric Acid = 5 or less (women), 6 or less (men)
- Insulin = 10 or less
- Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) = 5% or more

Poor Shape Blood Chemistry Profile

- Anything that falls below the Good Health Blood Chemistry Profile.

By having a blood chemistry profile done you will have a better idea of how healthy you are. Once this profile is completed review it with your physician to discuss recommended next steps. Measuring your blood health is a great first step in minimizing your medical bills. By minimizing these bills you will have more money to achieve your financial planning goals.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 915-2000.

NEW YORK — The Lindesmith Center will hold a seminar on recreational drug use among the British Youth at the Open Society Institute beginning at 4 p.m. (212) 546-0895.

JERSEY CITY — Holy Name Hospital will hold a support group meeting for adults who have lost a loved one at the Health Services Building beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 837-3740.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will hold free vein screenings for men and women beginning at 4 p.m. (201) 833-3185.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

BELLEVILLE — The Women's Health Center at Clara Mass will host its Third Annual Women's Health Awareness Day beginning at 8 a.m. (732) 450-2116.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson will hold the Fifth Annual Patient Conference on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome at the hospital's courtyard beginning at 10:30 a.m. (732) 927-6821.

BELLEVILLE — Clara Mass Medical Center will celebrate Earth Day with an campus Beautification & Clean Up beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 450-2116.

CRANFORD — The Cerebral Palsy League presents the Spring Craft Fair at the Center Palsy Center beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 708-1800.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will sponsor a free educational lecture on allergy and asthma at the hospital's Marian Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3186.

Heartbeat

Life after being diagnosed with the prostate cancer

By Marilyn Johnson Kondwani

Once you've been diagnosed with prostate cancer, it is natural to be concerned about what the future holds for you. The most important thing to keep in mind is the importance of taking sufficient time to allow yourself and your loved ones to adjust to the news of your condition and to carefully research the wide variety of options available to you for treatment.

Since not two people are the same, each person's decision about how to treat his condition will be different. The information presented here is intended to prepare you to discuss your condition with your physician and health professional. The goal of this article is to help you to get the best possible treatment to improve your health and prolong your life.

The treatment of prostate cancer is one of the most important commitments you will ever make. According to the American Cancer Society, there are a few questions to ask your doctor before making any treatment decisions:

• What is the likelihood that the cancer has spread beyond my prostate and if so, is it still curable?

• What additional tests do you recommend and why? What is the clinical stage and grade of my cancer?

• What is my expected survival rate based on the grade, stage and treatment options available to me?

• Should I follow a special diet? • What are the side effects or risks that I should expect?

• What are the chances of the cancer recurring with the treatments that have been suggested?

In many cases, getting a second opinion can provide an entirely new light on the subject, especially if your condition is detected in the early stages when several treatment choices are available to you. The treatment you choose for prostate cancer should be made only after taking into account the stage and grade of your cancer, your current state of health, expected life span, and personal preferences.

When considering treatment options you and your doctor will also

discuss general health goals, and you will be informed about its side effects. Older men and those with other serious health conditions may choose to view prostate cancer as a chronic disease — one which will probably not be fatal, but may cause symptoms they wish to avoid. The goals for these men will most likely be to relieve symptoms and avoid side effects of treatment.

For older men, the recommended choice may be to take no immediate active treatment but to "watch and wait." This option is most often recommended when the cancer is in a very early stage, small and contained in one area of the prostate gland and expected to grow very slowly. Because prostate cancer grows so slowly, older men with a short life expectancy when they are diagnosed with the disease may never require any treatment.

In the "watch and wait" group the cancer is regularly and carefully observed and monitored. The PSA blood test, digital rectal exam every six months and a yearly ultrasound

biopsy of the prostate is recommended.

Men in their 50s and younger who expect to live longer than 10 to 20 years after the cancer is diagnosed, will most likely be interested in a cure or at least surviving for as long as possible. For those who are interested in postponing or relieving symptoms and extending their life expectancy, the following brief descriptions will familiarize you with some of the most commonly used methods of treating prostate cancer: surgery, radiation therapy, hormonal therapy, chemotherapy and nutritional therapy.

While prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men, support services for men and their families have been very limited. In response to this need, The University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute offers peer counseling support services for prostate cancer patients.

The program is an opportunity for men to talk one-on-one about their past and current experiences. For further information on this service, call 1-800-4PC1 (4724).

Will Smith answers a dying patients last wish

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — "Hey, Stacey," says "Wild, Wild West" star Will Smith in a home-made videotape for Stacey Taylor, a 78-year-old victim of Huntington's disease and resident the past three years at the Rock County Health Care Center.

On the tape, she said, Smith shows some things "so cool I just can't even imagine." He talks about his new movie "Wild, Wild West" with Kevin Kline, due in theaters this spring and shows her a poster of himself and Kline. Always the comedian, Smith notes that "the black guy's me."

He also shows pictures of a prototype doll being made of him as James West, his character in the movie. "No one's ever seen this," he confides. And later "I just wanted to take time to say hi to you and just show you some love. God bless you." And he blows her a kiss, which she returned recently while watching the tape again in her room.

Her nurse contacted the Dream Foundation, a Santa Barbara-based group that grants wishes for people with terminal diseases and less than one year to live.

Taylor's affliction, named for the doctor who discovered it in 1870, is hereditary and has no known cure. Eventually, commonly develop twitching movements due to nerve damage and eventually succumb to heart attacks or depleted immune systems.

They can also suffer mood swings and depression—something that Hobbit wanted to counteract when she applied to the Dream Foundation.

"This is just so much more than we could have expected," she said. She smiles privately at the first "Hey, Stacey," and she laughs when he threatens to do a dance from "Billie Jean" from her memory the secrets he has told her.

"Tell Will Smith I appreciate what he did for me and thank him for giving me his time," Taylor said in her soft, measured speech.

TB declining in New Jersey

TRENTON — The number of people with active tuberculosis in New Jersey is at its lowest level since 1992, but more interventions need to be taken to control the disease, said Health and Senior Services Acting Commissioner Leah Ziskin.

After peaking in 1992, active TB cases statewide have declined each year for the past six years. There were 640 cases in 1998, down 11 percent from the year before and 27 percent from 1992. The number of cases among children has also dropped from 73 in 1992 to 42 in 1998.

The decline can be attributed in large part to the expanded use of Directly Observed Therapy, which outreach workers make arrangements

to observe the patient taking his or her medication until the treatment is completed. Local health departments and TB control agencies have expanded their use of this therapy over the last few years.

Last year a school-based Directly Observed Therapy program — sponsored by New Jersey Medical School National Tuberculosis Center at UMDNJ, Hudson County Chest Clinic, and Hudson County's 12 school districts — was implemented in that county. The program serves a small number of cases who are not infectious as well as approximately 300 students who have TB infection without disease. This reflects a national focus on the treatment of TB

infection as the number of individuals with active TB declines.

There are also 37 chest clinics approved by the department to offer a full range of TB services, including medical evaluation and treatment. The clinics, which are operated by hospitals or local health departments, last year served 16,000 persons who made more than 65,000 visits.

"Too often people who are treated for TB forget to take their medication or stop taking it when their symptoms subside," Ziskin said. "Directly Observed Therapy is the best way to ensure individuals complete the full 6- to 12-month course of treatment and present the spread of this disease which affects so many people world-

wide.

"Tuberculosis is a global problem. We will never control TB in this country until we control it worldwide, since infectious diseases do not stop at the border," said Dr. Lee Reichman, executive director of the New Jersey Medical School National Tuberculosis Center at UMDNJ. "TB is preventable and treatable. We can't let down our guard."

The World Health Organization is marked March 24 as World TB Day to focus worldwide attention on this problem. WHO estimates that one-third of the world's population is infected with TB bacteria and that more people will die of TB this year than in any other year in history.



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April 12. WOMEN'S FITNESS AND BACK CARE. IGH, Classroom B — 3:30 to 4pm.

April 12. SON & HAIK CARE. IGH, Classroom B — 4 to 6pm.

April 14. GRANDPARENTING: MAKING THE TRANSITION. NBIMC, Geriatric Outpatient Center, Ground Floor — 2 to 3:30pm.

April 14. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR MEN & WOMEN. IGH, Classroom B — 4 to 5pm.

April 15. PREVENTING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES. IGH, Classroom B — 3:30 to 4pm.

April 19. AGING GRACEFULLY. IGH, Classroom B — 4 to 6pm.

April 26. CANCER FATIGUE DAY: Free luncheon and lecture for women with cancer or blood disorders. NBIMC, Cafeteria annex — 11:30am.

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April 16. CPR INSTRUCTION. St. James Center for Family Life — 10am to 2pm.

April 17. DIABETES WORKSHOP AND SCREENING. St. James Center for Family Life — 10am to 2pm.

April 22. HEALTH FORUM. NBIMC, Danz Auditorium — 6 to 9pm.

April 23. CREATING CARING COMMUNITIES. Issues include the definition of child abuse, how to report child abuse, and the importance of advocating for children. NBIMC, Danz Auditorium — 1 to 3pm.

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April 13, 20, 27. VITAL SIGNS: BREAST EXAM; CHOLESTEROL/BLOOD SUGAR; HIV SCREENING & COUNSELING. IGH, Women's Health Center — 2 to 4pm.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Patti LaBelle and Gerald Vealy beginning at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

NEWARK — Celebrated jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson returns to NJPAC. For this concert, Wilson lends her sultry, one-of-a-kind stylings to the music of Miles Davis. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

TRENTON — The War Memorial presents The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with special guest conductor James DePriest beginning at 8 p.m. (973)624-3713.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Rutgers Arts Center presents the Rutgers Brass Ensemble at the Nicholas Music Center beginning at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the award-winning play *The King and I* beginning at 8 p.m. (732)246-7469.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater beginning at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

RAHWAY — The Union County Division of Heritage and Cultural Affairs presents the award-winning musical *Chorus Line* at Union County Arts Center beginning at 3 p.m. (908) 527-2337.

UNION — The Union County Division of Heritage and Cultural Affairs presents the New Jersey Ballet at Wilbur Theater on the campus of Kean University beginning at 8 p.m. (908) 527-2337.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the international musical *Wicked* at the Marquis Opera beginning at 7:30 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

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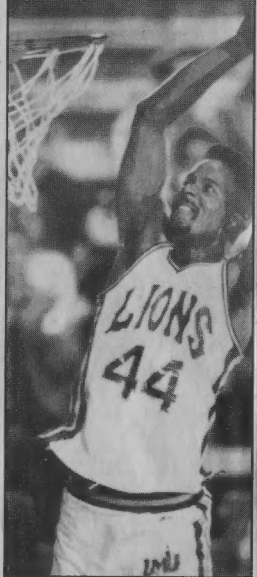
The Hank Gathers Story

NEW YORK — The African Heritage Network "Movie of the Month" series hosted by film legends, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, broadcasts "Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story," a perfect 11A Championship bi-pic.

"The Hank Gathers Story is an American story about the American dream. It's a story about the belief that every man, through his own skills, can rise from one level of accomplishment to another," said Ossie Davis.

Ruby Dee responded by saying, "Yes Ossie, it's also a story about the ambition, family, pride and the determination to be your very best." "But you know, seeking your way out of poverty even when ambitions not blind, can often be short sighted," she added.

A moving documentary about the event that shook college basketball, "Final Shot: The Hank Gathers Story," is a story of dedication, competition and a young man's desire for a better life. This inspiring story is backdropped by the burned-out buildings and mean streets of the gang-infested inner city, with a little piece of broken asphalt, is where young Hank's (Donny B. Lord) dreams begin, promising his mother Lucille Gathers (Neil Carter), that when he grows up and makes the pros, he will have the "biggest house there WABC-TV (Ch.7) on April 11 at 11:35 p.m. Victor Love plays the basketball phenom.



The beauty of Duke Ellington

By Carrie Wilson

On Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m., music educator and award-winning composer Edward Green will speak at the Aesthetic Realism Foundation — 141 Greene Street, in SoHo — on "The Aesthetic Realism of Eli Siegel Explains the Beauty of Jazz and of Duke Ellington."

First presented in Washington, D.C. at an annual conference of the International Association of Jazz Educators, with the sponsorship of the Smithsonian Institution, this talk is now being given in celebration of Duke Ellington's centennial. It will be part of a dramatic presentation of Aesthetic Realism about life, art, and the sciences. "People Are Trying to Put Opposites Together."

With vivid musical examples, Green will tell why Ellington's works truly matter — in music history, and for the lives of people today! What he will show is based on this magnificent principle, stated by Eli Siegel, poet, critic, and founder of the education

Aesthetic Realism: *All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves.*

Highlighted are two of Ellington's early masterpieces, *Black and Tan Fantasy* and *The Mooche*, and his swinging, rich, and compact three-minute tone poem of 1940, *Harlem Airshaft*.

People will see what jazz is really about! Green tells how, as early as 1925, in the Baltimore American, Eli Siegel explained that there is "metaphysical ecstasy" in jazz.

"Jazz is a new junction of the deep and the lightsome, the permanent and the unexpected, the continuous and the surprising," Siegel was later to write. "Jazz does what Mozart did not have the time to do." In his thrilling talk, Edward Green says:

"I love Duke Ellington, and the reason he is so good is how, again and again, in his music, sound as gutsy, direct, raw, and rough as it is one with sound that is elegant, subtle,

delicate, and profoundly thought-through. Eli Siegel once said: "Since all art goes for the making one of the animalistic and the conscious, or intellectual, or organized, when jazz happened, it was a step towards the success of that... The motto for jazz is: 'Professor Tiger!'"

Edward Green shows — and this is something never seen before — that the historic recordings of the Ellington band of the 1920s and later, represent the way every person wants his or her life to be.

For instance, speaking of *Harlem Airshaft*, he says: "People usually use the disorder in the world to be angry, scornful, depressed — to think the world is an ugly job and that God was inept."

Ellington's music is saying, with style and joy, there is order in confusion, form in messiness, and this is the way reality truly is!

This is a ground-breaking, scholarly, exciting musical event. And with every technical illustration Green gives, you see the truth of what Eli Siegel said: "I am disposed to think Duke Ellington is the greatest American composer."

Edward Green, who studied with Eli Siegel from 1974 to 1978, is a winner of numerous awards, including the Zoltan Kodaly Composers' Award; he also is included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He composed the music for the soon-to-be-released public service film "What Does a Person Deserve?" by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Ken Krimmelman. Green teaches at the Aesthetic Realism Foundation, and at the Manhattan School of Music where he has been on the Jazz faculty for 15 years. His important article "Content: The Cause of Racism" has appeared in numerous journals here and abroad, and he is a columnist for *U.S. African Eye*. Since 1978, Green has been studying Aesthetic Realism in classes taught by the Class Chairman of Aesthetic Realism, Ellen Reiss.

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In 1999, Great Adventures has added 25 new rides and an interactive children's park to its line up, and NJ Transit passengers can save up to \$17.65 on admission to the theme park. For more information Call 1-800-626-RIDE.

Pro-soccer team will decide if it will move with New Jersey Nets

NEWARK (AP) — The MetroStars professional soccer team is expected to announce whether it wants to relocate to a new stadium in Elizabeth or join the New Jersey Nets in a downtown Newark sports complex.

The soccer team's decision could figure prominently in the sweepstakes to lure New Jersey's basketball and hockey teams out of the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Gov. Christine Whitman has received proposals to build new stadiums for the Nets and New Jersey Devils in Hoboken, Newark or the Meadowlands. All three plans seek some public money, so Whitman has some influence over the outcome.

HIV infection higher in Newark than in New York City

PRINCETON — New data released by the Centers for Disease Control reveals that Newark has the highest rate of HIV infection in the country for persons entering drug treatment in a number of metropolitan areas.

The high HIV infection rate at the Newark study drug treatment centers is "yet more evidence that HIV infection among injecting drug users in New Jersey, in the absence of needle exchange, is out of control," said Dr. Dawn Day, of the Dogwood Center.

Seniors make the finals in science competition

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Technology was the theme at West Side High School in Newark recently, as four of New Jersey's brightest students were honored as regional winners of the K-12 Science Competition.

Tresha Buckle, Necoema Onyegubule, Saraya Burks, and Jonele Johnson of West Side High School were bestowed with the honor as one of the 48 regional semifinalists in the 1999 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision awards program. The team's project, entitled "Cracking Impeccable Problems," was chosen from nearly 4,000 entries representing 13,000 students from the U.S. and Canada. For Necoema Onyegubule it's a dream come true. "I've always wanted to contribute in some way to the world and for mankind," says Onyegubule. "I figured I would be a doctor. I guess being a scientist is my calling." The ladies gave an overview of their project which would allow computer designers to gain speed and security when they harness the power of submicroscopic particles. Susan Shelby of the Toshiba Company sees bright things for the girls. "This competition gives them a huge boost in their confidence and fosters their creativity not only here but in whatever they do," said Shelby. "Who says boys are good in science. Finally the girls have some say. Girl power!" This is the first honor for any Newark school in many years. Ben O'Neil of the Newark Superintendent office, hopes there are more. "This is a great accomplishment for West Side High School and Newark as a whole," said O'Neil. "Hard work and effort will eventually lead to a better life in the end. These are the kind of things that every student should follow."

The girls will submit their project into an international competition in the fall.



Susan Shelby (left) and Yolanda Adams of Toshiba/NSTA awarded West Side High School's (from left) Necoema Onyegubule, Saraya Burks, Jonele Johnson, and Tresha Buckle.

April 21. The winners will get a \$10,000 savings bond each and a scholarship to the college of their choice. Second Place winners will receive a \$5,000 savings bond and a piece of Good Luck.

Blacks in the Holocaust



Otto Sampson will be honored for rescuing women and children during the Holocaust.

NEWARK — Editor in Chief and publisher of New York's Amsterdam News, Elinor Tatum, is the keynote speaker at the City of Newark's 12th Annual Holocaust Commemoration, Thursday, April 15, 12 noon at North Reformed Church, 510 Broad Street, Newark.

Tatum, a practicing Jew, is the daughter of Wilbert A. Tatum, publisher emeritus and CEO of the Amsterdam News and Susan Kohn, a Jewish Holocaust survivor.

"My identity is both black and Jewish, and I am very proud of both," Tatum said.

The Amsterdam News, established 89 years ago, is one of the largest and oldest African American newspapers in the nation with a circulation of 25,000.

This year, the City of Newark's Holocaust Commemorative Committee is also honoring a local Newark resident, Otto Sampson, a member of the Black Angels, who helped liberate Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

Sampson, now 81 years old, was a soldier in the 388th Central Postal Directory in Germany during World War II. He remembers carrying Buchenwald survivors to waiting trucks and taking them to the hospitals.

"Most of the people in the camp were women. You could almost see through them. They were skin and bones. We carried them to the waiting trucks and took them to the hospitals. That was the only way we could save them," he said.

The 12th Holocaust Commemorative event is free. Following the service, a light luncheon/reception, will be held at the church hall.

Urban school funding boost is on Gov. Whitman's desk

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signs it or vetoes it."

If signed, the measure will add both districts to the 28 existing special needs districts recognized by the state Supreme Court, marked by a combination of poverty and low tax revenues. It would increase funding by \$12.5 million for Plainfield and \$1.5 million for Neptune over three years.

"This is an opportunity for the state to show they are concerned about our children," said Assemblyman Jerry Green of Plainfield, a cosponsor of the bill. "So people could see we're moving in the right direction."

Green, a Democrat, said he likes to think that "if that many legislators support it - and the Senate passed this 30-0 and we passed it 71-5 - then it's something the governor will have to take a hard look at."

Plainfield has all the characteristics defined by the Supreme Court in its Abbott decisions: high property taxes, a largely minority population, urban areas and poor areas, said David Sciarra of the Education Law Center.

The law center has pursued the Abbott vs. Burke litigation resulting in four Abbott decisions, and

filed an unsuccessful petition with then-Education Commissioner Lido Klagholz against Whitman's 1996 funding law. The law center appealed to the state Board of Education, which is expected to rule by April 9, Sciarra said.

"If the Governor doesn't sign this law, we will continue to pursue it through the legal process and we will take it all the way to the Supreme Court until we prevail," he said.

The Plainfield school system had been classified as an Abbott district in 1990, said Superintendent Larry Leverett. "And the conditions that classified it are more pronounced today."

Most of Plainfield's 7,300 students are relatively poor, with more than three out of five receiving free lunch, Leverett said. With its dwindling tax base, it has consistently been among the top 10 distressed communities identified by the state, Leverett noted.

The district can accommodate only a fraction of the 750 students who would qualify for early childhood education, he said. Officials want to end "social promotion" and keep back students academically unprepared for the next grade, but there's no money for programs to help those students, he said.

"We know promoting them isn't a good thing, but if you retain students you've got to provide them with support necessary for them to succeed."

Achievement suffers due to shortages of class space and computer technology, Leverett noted. "We've been unable to reduce class sizes for children in kindergarten through second grade, at an age when children are most impressionable and benefit most from optimal learning environments."

But Leverett remains hopeful Whitman will heed the bipartisan support. "We're hoping the Governor can find a way to be supportive."

Plainfield High School business teacher Reggie Robinson said the technology funding would come in handy for his classes.

"We could use the funding to get a computer in every classroom," he said. "Being able to get on the Internet is something they say is in the works already. It would give students a chance to do research, and open up the world to them."

More than two out of five Neptune students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch. Assemblyman Tom Smith, a Republican and

cosponsor of the bill, said Neptune has all the requisites of being an Abbott district and so does Plainfield. But the designation was arbitrarily taken away by the Department of Education.

Although the cities were excluded, the new law required them to continue with reforms but without the added funding.

"If we must continue these reforms - and they're a great help to the kids - why don't you providing funding for them?" Lakes asked of the state.

Education Department spokesman Bob DeSando said since Plainfield and Neptune aren't Abbott districts, they don't have to implement court-ordered reforms.

He said the Abbott decision applies only to the 28 districts identified in the Supreme Court Abbott decisions.

Not so, Sciarra says. "The court never suggested that a district has met all the criteria it should not be added to the list. That's precisely why the legislature has done."

"The court has recognized this is an evolving situation," Sciarra said. Which districts will be included the court left to the legislature and commissioner to make ongoing determinations.

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